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1. IN ADDITION TO GUIDANCE FOR PO/73/75 ON BURDENSARING
TRANSMITTED REF B, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS
DURING JANUARY 9 NAC DISCUSSION:

-- THE PRESIDENT IS REQUIRED BY THE JACKSON-NUNN
AMENDMENT TO REPORT TO CONGRESS ON FEBRUARY 16, AND EVERY
NINETY DAYS THEREAFTER, ON THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY OUR
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NATO ALLIES IN OFFSETTING US MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN

NATO EUROPE ENTERING THE BOP IN THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1974. THE PRESIDENT IS ALSO REQUIRED TO REPORT ON ALLIED EFFORTS TO ASSUME CERTAIN US BUDGETARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH STATIONING FORCES IN NATO EUROPE.

-- A PROMISING FIRST REPORT WILL BE IMPORTANT IN SHAPING CONGRESSIONAL ATTITUDES CONCERNING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE ALLIES TO OFFSET US MILITARY BOP AND ABSORB CERTAIN BUDGETARY COSTS IN NATO EUROPE.

-- WE STRONGLY HOPE THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS WILL EXPEDITE ACTION ON THE MEASURES REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS 10-12 OF THE DECEMBER 7 DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE.

-- AS ONE OF FIRST STEPS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DEVELOP, BEFORE FEBRUARY 16, A COLLECTIVE ALLIED RESPONSE TO THE ILLUSTRATIVE MULTILATERAL PROGRAM WHICH WAS TABLED IN THE NAC ON NOVEMBER 29 SO THAT THE PRESIDENT COULD REPORT TO CONGRESS WHETHER OUR SUGGESTED PROGRAM IS ACCEPTABLE OR, IF NOT, WHAT SPECIFIC ALTERNATIVE IS DESIRED.

2. FYI: RE REF C, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WILL NOT RPT NOT SEND A FOLLOW-UP TO HIS DECEMBER LETTER TO MOD'S. THAT LETTER STILL STANDS. WE ARE CONSIDERING WHAT FURTHER HIGH LEVEL ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN IN EFFORT TO RESTORE MOMENTUM TO MULTILATERAL BURDENSARING EFFORT. END FYI. KISSINGER

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